

Increase the percentage of children receiving well-child screens for Medicaid.

Agency/Program #: 69010-11-G1
Division: Health Resources
Program: Medicaid State Plan Services

Agency Name:	Department of Public Health and Human Services		
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Program or Project Description:

The Health Resources Division (HRD) administers Medicaid acute and primary care services, children's mental health services, the Big Sky RX program, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of October 31, 2007
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Goal(s):

Increase the percentage of children receiving well-child screens for Medicaid.

Performance Measures :

Raise the percentage of children (age 0-20) who receive a well-child screen to 94% in FY 08 and 95% in FY 09. The baseline measurement is 89% in FY 04; 93% in FY 05; and 92% in FY 06. FY 07 is not yet complete. (Claims run out is 365 days.)

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Performance Report:**LFD Narrative:****EXECUTIVE CHANGES:**

1. Changes to Goals/Initiatives No
2. Changes to Performance Measures Yes - All numeric measures were removed. Previously, DPHHS has established measures to raise the percentage of children (age 0-20) who receive a well-child screen to 94% in FY 08 and 95% in FY 09. The baseline measurement was 89% in FY 04; 93% in FY 05; and 92% in FY 06. FY 07 is not yet available.

LFD ASSESSMENT:

1. Goal is measurable within the biennium Yes
2. Progress toward goal Warning – It is not possible to determine whether the measure is being met, exceeded, or if progress is lower than expected. There are no bench marks against which to measure progress.

APPROPRIATION ISSUES

1. Appropriation/Expenditures Provided No - The Health Resources Division did not report how much of its \$1 biennial appropriation supports well child screens. However, since preventative services, especially those for children, are generally low cost, this goal may not comprise a significant portion of the division appropriation.

OPTIONS REGARDING GOAL/INITIATIVE AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Issues – Well-child screens are the only Medicaid state plan service subject to performance measures. The costliest Medicaid state plan services such as hospitalization, children's mental health services, physician services, and prescription medications are not subject to performance measures. The statutory purpose of goals and measures is to provide sufficient information to the legislature to enable it to make appropriation and policy decisions. Therefore, the information provided for well child screens although an important component of children's preventative health care will have little relevance to evaluating to the enormity of appropriation and policy decisions that the 2009 Legislature will make. The LFC could work with HRD to develop measures that are more meaningful to the preponderance of the program appropriation in advance of the next session
2. Request additional information from the program – As noted previously, HRD did not provide the amount of the appropriation that supports well-child screens. The legislature may wish to ask that HRD provide an estimate of the cost of a well-child screen and the annual amount of the appropriation that supports well-child screens as well as the amount spent for well-child screens at the next LFC review.



Version	Date	Author
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Change Description
LFD narrative added



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Goals/Objectives

Agency Contact: Mary Dalton **Phone Number:** 444-4458
Agency Name: Department of Public Health and Human Services
Division: Health Resources Division
Program (identify and briefly describe): The division administers Medicaid acute and primary care services, children's mental health services, the Big Sky RX program and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

List a single goal and brief description:

Increase the percentage of children receiving well-child screenings within the Medicaid state plan services.

Describe the performance measures related to this goal:

1. Raise the percentage of children who receive a well-child screenings.

List significant milestones and target dates to be completed in the 2009 Biennium:

1. Montana is part of the Assuring Better Child Health and Development nationwide initiative and received a technical assistance grant to increase standardized screenings and subsequent referrals if needed. A statewide stakeholder group identified the ASQ screen and additional providers are being added to the original two pilot sites.
2. Appropriate billing codes were clarified and provider practices were educated to ensure proper coding and reimbursement for well child screens.

Describe the current status of the measurements related to the goal:

1. In state fiscal year 2006, 92% of appropriate age children received a well-child screen. 18,392 children received a screening.
2. State fiscal year 2007 is not complete since claims have 365 days for processing. After all data is considered complete, the division will report the percentage of children receiving well-child screens.
3. The current division's budget supports well child screening services for 100% of Medicaid children and youth at age-appropriate levels.
4. Current caseload being served is 46,510 individuals and of those, 19,993 children are of the age to receive a well-child screen.